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K-9 Screening At Ferry Terminals

With the summer rapidly approaching we are seeing more and more ferry patrons traveling with their family pets. The State Patrol wants to make sure that people and pets stay safe during our canine screening process as incidents between animals and people can happen very quickly. Below you will find a few helpful do's and don'ts and a couple of helpful tips to make your ferry trip more enjoyable:

1. Please keep your windows rolled up and doors closed during the K-9 screening process.
2. Please do not approach, pet, or in any way socialize with a WSP K-9, remember, they are working and cannot be distracted from the important job they are doing.
3. If you have pets in your vehicle, please do not allow them to interact with our K-9's.
4. Please keep your pets on a leash.
5. Please do not feed our K-9's.
6. Please understand that in order for our handlers to maintain control of a working K-9, they may at times need to provide firm discipline when a non-desirable behavior occurs. The K-9 handlers continually give positive feedback to their K-9's when appropriate.
7. Make sure you arrive early for your ferry trip.
8. Obey the speed limits and the directions of WSF and WSP employees in the ferry holding areas.
9. Be watchful – if you observe suspicious or criminal activity at or near a WSF terminal or vessel, report it immediately to any WSF or WSP employee.

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